

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/588,747 Confirmation No. 4449

Applicant : Thomas Bayer et al.

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Examiner : Terence Boes

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed October 31, 2011, setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response which expired on January 31, 2012, and which has been extended two months to March 31, 2012, please amend said application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** which begin on page 8 of this paper.